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Profitable Waiting

One ordinary Saturday morning this past summer I heard an announcement over the radio to the effect that players were awaiting their turn to get on the golf courses on Long Island. The waiting period at some courses was as little as two or three hours and at others as much as four or five hours.

Think of the camaraderie that can be developed among golfers while they lounge in the country club awaiting their turn. They can imbibe the spirit of the occasion, talk about the latest exploits of the masters, discuss the topography of a new course, observe what is being worn this season, and practice putting. No time is wasted when a person is improving his background in something that interests him.



What a delight it would be to preachers if on a Sunday morning the radio announcers would say that worshipers were waiting three hours to get into St. John's or six hours to find a seat in St. Paul's. The persons waiting for seats in church would probably be different from those waiting to get on a golf course, but they would pursue their waiting with the same kind of fervor. They would not waste their time.

The waiting church-goers would discuss the latest trends in European and American theology, the recent books of Niebuhr and Bultmann, the campaigns of Billy Graham, and the interest in liturgics. Some would reveal how they put into practice the sermon of the previous Sunday. What a spirit of camaraderie would be developed. They would not mind waiting because the time would be well spent.

The waiting church-goers would hope that their diligence will win them an eternal crown of life in contrast to the perishable silver cup won in a golf match. They would not let the patience of golfers put them to shame. They would realize anew that those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength and mount up with wings like eagles.

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Cover Photo

This little white church in Buena Park, Calif., is filled for non-nominal services each Sunday by hundreds of sightseers who visit the reconstructed mining "ghost town" at Knott's Berry Farm. Made of wood with stained-glass windows and a tall spire belfry, it stands next to a lake and its image is reflected in the calm, peaceful waters. This is the fact that it provides a serene and quiet place for prayer accounts for its name—the "Church of Reflections." Originally built in 1876, the building also serves as the home of a United Lutheran congregation, the Church of the Good Shepherd.

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The Lutheran Laymen's Movement For Stewardship

BY GEORGE R. F. TAMKE

The Lutheran Laymen's Movement exists to promote Christian stewardship. That's why it was started in 1907; that's what it has done ever since; that's what it's doing now and intends to do for the new church in which ULCA is merging.

What is Christian stewardship? There are, of course, many valid and helpful definitions — long and short—some prepared for one purpose, some for another. To keep clear in our minds just what we're talking about here and just what it is our Lutheran Laymen's Movement is doing for the local congregation as well as the church-at-large, let's look over this statement about stewardship, written by Dr. Ray Olson, chairman of the Lutheran World Federation Commission on Stewardship and Congregational Life:

Christian Stewardship is the response of the Christian to God's love and purpose, the recognition that he is appointed by God to use his life responsibly, productively and thankfully. This is his stewardship because Christ died for him. It is possible because Christ has risen.

God clearly intends that the Christian shall develop and use his capacities, his abilities, and his precious years. Placed in a material world, he is to share in managing and using it so as to serve God and the human family for which it was created.

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All the best fruits of the centuries have been entrusted to the Christian, as a member of this family, including worthy institutions: religion, government, education and scientific research. He is called to use this material and spiritual inheritance for the enrichment of his own generation and generations not yet born.

Above all, the Christian is a steward of the Gospel—the sacred revelation of the will of God for man through Jesus Christ. He is called to devote regularly generous portions of time, money and all other available resources for the present and future proclamation of this Gospel, and to join eagerly with others in carrying out this supreme mission.

Here we see at once that stewardship is not merely a two-bit word invented by some early American preachers to get church members open their pocketbooks. It goes much deeper—it goes to the very roots of our Christian faith. And still—yes—the Lutheran Laymen's Movement is concerned about money, and giving to the church. It was concerned for unmet budgets that led to the founding of LLM.

But that concern and the search for a solution led to the realization that most church members not only didn't know what to give—or how—they didn't know *why* they should give. They had no understanding of the concept of Christian stewardship —“a response to God's love and purpose” by using his many and varied gifts to help proclaim the Gospel. Since money is such an important



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possession to most people, as well as the means through which other things can be accomplished, money quite naturally came in for a lot of attention—deservingly. And the founders of the Laymen's Movement—all laymen—were determined that the most important business in the world should henceforth be operated in a sound, businesslike way, using the best methods, latest tools, and most enlightened resources available.

To this end—promoting and educating in Christian stewardship and showing by example that this world's gifts should be used to the fullest for the Lord—LLM dedicated itself. In carrying out its job, it has consistently held before the people the only true, Christian motivation for giving—gratitude to God for all his gifts to us. LLM has labored long and lovingly to interpret the needs of the kingdom to the members of the church of Christ, to undergird the church's work in all areas, and

to be a real partner to each and every pastor, helping him in his job of ministering to the "priesthood of all believers." When the ULCA established its Stewardship Department in 1945, responsibility for directing it was turned right over to the Laymen's Movement, which supports all stewardship promotion in the ULCA, too, through the voluntary contributions of members. This is an arrangement unique among all church bodies—a demonstration of lay responsibility and conviction.

LLM has pioneered in many areas of service and continues to venture out into new fields today. These are a few of the activities currently being planned and carried out by this loyal band of nearly 3000 LLMers across our church:

Field Service

At least nine officers and staff directors regularly travel throughout the synods, giving encouragement to local stewardship leaders and shar-

ing ideas at workshops, rallies, conferences, retreats, camps colleges, seminaries, and individual congregations. They guide stewardship development, train laymen, and put into operation tested plans for stewardship advance. In addition, LLM supplies stewardship speakers for hundreds of meetings, dinners, etc. every year.

Mail

The Stewardship Department and LLM carry on wide correspondence with synodical and congregational leaders, giving counsel in matters of Christian stewardship, church finance, and laymen's work.

Printed Material

Every year LLM sends every ULCA pastor a kit of printed materials entitled *Stewardship Helps*. Most of the items—including leaflets, posters, brochures, tracts, workbooks, manuals, pledge cards, etc. — are available at no cost to ULCA parishes, institutions, and agencies. Distribution generally reaches some 6-7 million pieces with 60-70% of our church's parishes ordering materials during the fall period.

Stewardship Sector Project

Introduced in the ULCA with the first pilot project in 1953, this program of congregational self-study and stewardship action soon became church-wide as it deepened stewardship understanding and quickened giving paces across the church. Through Sector Project's careful methods of research, survey, proposal, cultivation, and the Every-Member Visit, most congregations experience giving increases of 30-40% — some of 100-200%.

Films

Through the pioneering of LLM the ULCA became the first church body to make extensive use of motion pictures to teach Christian stewardship. Since 1947 LLM has produced seven films and cooperated in production or distribution of several others. It was a leading participant in *Martin Luther*. *The Candlemaker* for children's stewardship, was the first full-color animated cartoon film on a religious subject. *A Living Church*, documentary on the work of the ULCA, played a major role in promotion of our church's doubled budget for 1958.

Fund-Raising Counseling

Well aware that, for capital building purposes, many congregations needed resident professional direction in fund-raising, LLM a few years ago developed a self-supporting Fund-raising Counseling Service to provide such direction based on sound Christian stewardship principles. More than \$10 million were raised for the first 145 parishes served.

Evangelism-Stewardship Bulletin

Circulated among 150,000 pastors, councilmen and other congregational leaders, this 10-times-a-year bulletin dispenses up-to-date information and statistics in the two fields. LLM cooperates in this publication with the evangelism staff of the ULC Board of Social Missions—positive witness to the inseparability of stewardship and evangelism, and the Christian steward's responsibility to share God's greatest gift of all, the Gospel of Christ.

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The Topic for December

An Inter-Lutheran Topic

Edited by the Rev. John Mangum

Wise Men, 1958 Style

FRANK A. BONANDER

This program is meant to provide worship experience which, in turn, is meant to provide a motivation for Christian service by men of the church. Since the Christian service considered here is of church-wide concern, the women of the congregation might be invited to this meeting.

The program is in the form of a skit, which tries to express the faith of the church in the Christ. Effectiveness will depend upon poised and meaningful action and narration.

Properties are simple. There must be a manger with straw. There may be a doll in the manger but under circumstances there should be an electric light therein (lying on a table to avoid the danger of fire). Of course the light should not be glaringly bright. Behind the manger is a chair for Mary.

The role of Mary the mother of Jesus, is played by a woman in either simple modern dress or in the traditional costume. The "three wise

men" are played by members of the Brotherhood dressed in ordinary business suits. Since these men are to represent all men, they should not possess unusual physical characteristics that draw attention to themselves. Their bodily movements should be dignified and reverent.

A speech quartet should take its place in the back of the meeting room. Just enough light should be provided for them to see their scripts. There should not, however, be enough light to detract from the light in the manger. Perhaps they can use small flashlights. One member of the speech quartet is the narrator.

The Skit

All lights are turned off. The manger is placed in the front of the room. Mary takes her place on the chair behind the manger. The light in the manger is turned on.)

Narrator: (*From back of room*) The Bible tells of "wise men from the east" who came saying, "Where is he who has been born King of the Jews?" Tradition suggests that there were three, possibly from the three gifts offered — gold,

Author

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frankincense, and myrrh.

There is much to arouse our curiosity about these men. From what country did they actually come? How did they know about the king? What made them want to worship him?

First Voice: (*From back of room*)

How did they know about the king?

Second Voice: What made them want to worship him?

Third Voice: Why were they called wise?

Narrator: They must have been well versed in the science of astronomy. They must have had a knowledge of biblical prophecy. Above all, they must have had a simple and profound faith. For this faith sent them on a long and perilous journey. It caused them to find satisfaction in worship of a baby in a manger. It gave them pleasure in serving this humbly cradled creature.

That happened a long time ago. Let us try to bridge the gap of many years. Let us visualize the old amidst the modern, putting the old into modern words and actions. This is no new faith. "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday and today and forever." It is only the setting that is new.

Thus three men of today, representing you and me, will call upon Mary and her child. Each of these three men will ask a simple question of Mary, a question one commonly asks about a newly born child. In this case, however, the question calls for a profound answer because of the nature of the child.

(*FIRST MAN arises from his seat amidst the men in the audience. Quietly and with dignity he goes to the manger. He and Mary smile at each other in greeting. Then both look down into the manger.*)

Speech Quartet: Whenever I see a newly born child, I always ask myself, "Who does he look like?"

Narrator: Who does he look like? You ask a profound question. The Apostle John records Jesus as saying,

Third Voice: "I and the Father are one. He who has seen me has seen the Father."

Narrator: The Apostle Paul once wrote,

Second Voice: "In him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily."

Narrator: Who is he like? The answer is that he is like God because he is God. In a point of time he became man. As man he was like us in all things, except that he was without sin.

Topic Aims

1. To participate in a corporate worship experience befitting the Advent of Christmas season. (Wives might be invited to share the experience.)

2. To perform a corporate act of loving service for some fellow man, i.e. a shut-in or to engage in work on Christmas decorations for the church; or to construct a large display for the church. (Wives might be invited to participate and assist in turning this into a social occasion.)

Worship Suggestions

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Hymns: "Hail To The Lord's Anointed"
"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Prayer: This would include a thanksgiving for Christ's coming and giving mankind this joyful season. Also a prayer that men of the church (and women) might be guided to honor Christ in such a way as to give an effective witness and to serve in a way that befits the Christmas message.



Who does he resemble? "Both God and man" is our answer, because he is God from all eternity and he became man to become man's Saviour. That he is God incarnate in human flesh makes him absolutely unique.

Once a Lutheran pastor in a large Midwestern city was called by the city librarian, who said, "There is a gentleman here who wants very much to see you. May I send him to your office?" The stranger came, but who was he? Try as the pastor would, he could not get the name of his distinguished guest. They conversed for several hours that day and the next. They talked of the latest scientific advances, of theology, of literature. They conversed in English, in European tongues, in classical languages. The pastor had not yet learned the identity of his distinguished guest. Finally at parting he said, "I perceive you have purposefully hidden

your identity. I know you are *no ordinary man*. I would be plagued all my life if I should never learn who you are. Tell me." It was then that the guest spoke his name for the first time: Dean Inge of England, crowner of kings, a scholar, a scientist, a theologian.

So it was in a more profound way with the baby of Bethlehem. He was *no ordinary man*. He was the son of man, like us in all things, except that he was without sin. Also son of God, eternal one now incarnate in human flesh.

(The FIRST MAN smiles a farewell to Mary and returns to his seat. After a short pause the SECOND MAN rises from his place in the audience and approaches manger. He smiles greeting to Mary, bends over manger to get closer look, and then stands erect. During narration he looks contemplatively into manger.)

Speech Quartet: Have you picked a name for him, Mary? What are you going to call him?

Narrator: Mary called him Jesus. And men of faith have called him Christ, Prince of Peace, Saviour, King of Kings—names that fit the goal and climax of this child's life.

First Voice: "And there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. And Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.' One of the criminals who were hanged railed on him and said, 'Are you not the Christ? Save thyself and us!' But the other rebuked him saying, 'Do you not

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News and Views from Headquarters

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We Sound a Positive Note!

Some of the readers of this column may feel that I have adopted a defeatist attitude towards the prospects for more successful men's work in the ULCA. Not at all! I have been asking some searching questions and I believe they needed to be asked. The purpose in writing in this manner was to attempt to encourage the members of United Lutheran Church Men to do some serious thinking about the place and purpose of our auxiliary in our church. This month I want to sound a positive note.

ULCA Had Opportunities

In recent years the ULCA has had two opportunities to say in effect, "Let's be done with men's work in the church as organized in an auxiliary." In the report of the Commission on Organizational Structure of the ULCA, the church did not recommend the elimination of our auxiliary. It could have done so! On the contrary, the COS report recommended certain constructive changes so that a stronger auxiliary might be the result. More recently, the ULCA representatives on the Joint Commission on Lutheran Unity, in their merger discussions with the other three Lutheran bodies, did not recommend that in the *new* church we should eliminate an auxiliary for men. The JCLU has adopted a motion to include in the *new* church three auxiliaries, youth, women and men. No, the ULCA has not said, "Let's be done with a men's auxiliary," although they had two opportunities to do so.

Our church is not ready to say that there isn't any value in a men's auxiliary. The fact is that the ULCA

Executive Board decided in 1955 that the auxiliary needed financial undergirding for a five-year period. Another indication that our church believes there is a value in men's work. We are here to stay!

Other Encouraging Signs

The men themselves have given more generously in the past few years, that their auxiliary might have a sounder financial base. In 1956 approximately \$20,000 was contributed by the men. In 1957 slightly more than \$25,000 was contributed and it would appear that in 1958 the total contributed would approximate \$30,000. This, it seems to me, is a *positive* note that should be sounded!

We have received an ever increasing number of inquiries from congregations for organizational materials and printed supplies. Many of these letters come unsolicited. Many

e without any prompting from
ference or synodical ULCM ex-
ion committees.

State and Synodical Units
should be said that a new in-
st is manifest on the part of
s at the state and synod level
ch, heretofore, have not been
tified with the church-wide aux-
y. Some of you will remember
at Pittsburgh in 1957 we re-
ed into membership the Ohio
od ULCM unit. This was the
, and it is developing nicely. At
pent we are engaged in arranging
the affiliation of four state or
odical men's groups. We hope
all four will apply at South
d. These groups are the Wart-
g and Pacific Southwest Synodi-
men's groups and the Minnesota
Wisconsin state men's units.

ust recently we received the first
ter application from the Carib-
n Synod. This came from St.
mas, Virgin Islands. We have
a meeting with the men of the
andic Synod. *This is positive
gress and should be noted.*

We Are Really a Part
Ve have never felt other than a
part of the total organizational
cture of the church since I have

been on the job. United Lutheran
Church Men receives the same kind
of recognition that other boards and
agencies receive in the activities of
the church. It has been very helpful
to be located here at the heart of
the planning and programming for
the ULCA. Even though our contri-
bution has hardly compared with
other agencies, still we have not been
excluded. We have been accepted
and we are respected. And I think
this needs to be said as a positive
indication of our place in the life
of the church.

There Has Been Progress

We have made some gains in re-
cent years and we need to be en-
couraged by them. We have tried to
enumerate some of them in this re-
port. Things are looking "up." We
have a long way to go, to be sure.
Our steps forward are hesitant and
faltering, but they are forward
steps. Everyone of us needs to sound
this positive note. We need to be
enthusiastic about our auxiliary.
This is one way of winning others
—by being excited ourselves about
that to which we belong. I call upon
each one of you to sound the posi-
tive note about men's work in our
church.

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The Restoration of Meaning to Contempo-
Life. By Paul Elmen. Doubleday & Com-
\$. \$3.95. 194 pages.

is is well-written analysis of the predica-
of contemporary man's existence with-
God, with its boredom, nothingness and
or—a brilliant commentary on life today.
of the interesting features of the book
e many references to illustrative litera-
The book concludes that man's only
lies in the light of the glory of God.

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MAN TO MAN

BY LAWRENCE M. REESE

Lost — In A Prosperous Church

Commenting on today's successful and prosperous church, Dr. Paul Tillich recently reminded us that with all of our apparent success, we have lost the dimension of depth. Personally, and in our church organization, we are often living on the surface of religious faith and life. Outwardly the church exhibits a front of growth, progress and vigor. But what are we like underneath our veneer of success? How often do we probe deeply into great questions of faith and life? How much of our time is scheduled to dig in the Bible and other great books?

Strangely enough, when men begin discussing matters of faith and life, they derive tremendous satisfaction from it. Recently I was privileged to lead a discussion group of United Lutheran Church Men. As we studied our Bibles and discussed life's basic questions, it was evident that all of us were having a depth experience in Christian faith and life. We probed prayer, God's will for us as individuals and families. We shared our insights and our problems. The meeting of hearts and minds stimulated our quest for a deeper religious experience. We went home with a feeling that God was closer, that Christ was really our

Lord and that we were being led by the Spirit.

Depth in ULCM Meetings

It may be that many ULCM meetings lack the dimension of depth, deep purpose and meaning. It would be a good idea for officers or program committees to ask the question, "What is the purpose of this meeting?"

In the early days of the church Christians were eager to gather together because they knew how much they needed the strength and joy of meetings with fellow Christians. In our busy life today we need similar opportunities to gather in purposeful meetings. The more demanding life becomes, the more we need opportunities to have rich sharing of experiences with fellow Christians. This is a hint for ULCM program planners. Men appreciate depth discussions — questions about God, sin, grace, eternal life, and many others. Too, men are interested in how to interpret Christian faith into the offices, businesses, labor associations and personal and family life.

Men also appreciate the opportunity to get some mixed-up ideas straightened out. "Is do-it-yourself religion in keeping with our Lutheran theology?" "Why doesn't the L

Can Church approve of today's
 famous faith-healers?" "Is heaven a
 place where we have merely a passive
 existence?" "Why can't man's will
 ever eradicate most of the world's
 evil?" "What should a worker do
 if his organization demands prac-
 tices which offend his Christian con-
 science?" "Which loyalty takes pre-
 cedence for a family man—his job
 or his family?" These are just a few
 of the questions which men need to
 discuss in effective meetings.
 Note that most of these questions
 are difficult ones. Answers may not
 come easily. But life is like that—
 demanding, challenging. And groups

of Christian men can tackle questions
 knowing that some answers must be
 revealed by God's inspiration which
 must be added to their own reason.
 Men also discover that, for some
 questions, only faith is the answer,
 and it may take time, patience and
 further probing.

How many "depth discussions"
 have your men had lately? Have
 meetings of your ULCM lost their
 dimension of depth? Why not plan
 now for future discussions that really
 matter — discussions which restore
 God's purpose to Christian fellow-
 ship.



PRAYERS FOR PEACE OFFERED AT NOON

Workers in a grocery store in Lexington, Ill., pause to pray for a peaceful settlement
 of the racial integration problem and for world peace. Similar scenes are enacted elsewhere
 in the city every day at noon, following a request by the Lexington Council of Churches.
 The Council urged church members to stop wherever they might be when the city's fire siren
 sounded at noon to offer a moment of prayer "that God's will be done." Denominations
 cooperating so far in the prayer movement include Baptist, Christian Churches (Disciples),
 Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian and Evangelical United Brethren.

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Scouting in the ULCA

By Dr. George A. Eichler

Director of Scouting

Aubrey Mauney, Kings Mountain, N. C.

Parents are important people in scouting. Here are ten things they can do to help scouting help the boy.

1. Get into the act. Involve yourself in the scouting experiences your boy.

2. Learn all you can about scouting. Absorb its ideals so that you can live them with your boy.

3. Help your boy to acquire a group of good scouts as companions.

4. Help him to think of spare time as scout time.

5. Help, encourage, and back his scout leaders.

6. Help in whatever leadership capacity you can.

7. Keep informed about his progress in scouting.

8. Practice scouting principles within the home. Draw the whole family into the program.

9. Go with your son to as many scout affairs as possible. Attend parent meetings, courts of honor, etc.

10. Remember, the interest and backing of Dad and Mom is very important.



Three Scouts Receive Pro Deo et Patria Award

Life Scout David Rogers Finch, First Class Scout Bruce L. Mitchell and First Class Scout Raymond A. Nippes received the Pro Deo et Patria Award on September 21 in The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Poestenkill, N. Y., the Rev. James A. Harrison, pastor. The recipients of the award were presented to the congregation by the pastor, and they received their medals from their mothers. The presentation was part of a week-long 125th anniversary celebration of the congregation.

Youth's World-Wide Vision

ARTHUR BAUER

Four initials—ICYE—have special meaning for young people with a Christian concern for the world and a desire to learn from people of other lands. The initials stand for International Christian Youth Exchange. This program, supported by several Protestant denominations, hopes to advance world community and peace through the exchange of teen-age Christian youth.

Here's how the program works. A Christian congregation wishes to express its interest in world community and understanding by sharing its life with an overseas youth. The initiative in seeking a "visitor" may come from fellow young persons or the pastor or the church council or the United Lutheran Church Men. Sometimes a family wishes to open its doors in welcoming a "guest" and they "start the ball rolling."

A local church applies for information and "preliminary application." After consulting interested persons and groups, the congregation indicates its willingness to sponsor an overseas student. A home is selected where the guest will be "son" or "daughter" and funds are gathered to pay for the project. \$400 is needed to cover insurance, orientation sessions, part of the travel and administration. A similar amount is contributed by the visiting youth's family or congregation.

As a congregation awaits its son or daughter, attention is given to what kind of year it will be in their midst. The exchange is not limited to an educational experience, as many exchange programs are. This Exchange rests on a spiritual level and is a congregation-to-congregation experience. Homes are opened up, church activities, community life and school classes are shared. The entire American scene — church, school, community is involved in the exchange. Out of such contacts, youth begin to know this country.

Some congregations also wish to have this experience of "exchanging" be a two-way effort. They select a young person to represent them. He or she must be mature, in good health, of high scholarship, interested in church and community. This young person will spend the year abroad, living in a home, studying in a school and worshiping in the church there. Cost of a two-way exchange is an additional \$800, which covers insurance, orientation sessions, travel, administration and some support assistance to the "host" family in Europe.

For the year 1958-59, there are over one hundred guests in American homes. They come from Germany, Austria, Denmark, Holland, France, Brazil, Finland, Sweden and Honduras. Forty-four American students are overseas.

Two United Lutherans are participating in the program. Sally Miller,

16, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. Eugene Miller, is spending the year in Berlin, Germany. She comes from Trinity Lutheran Church, Ephrata, Pennsylvania, the Rev. Myron A. Eichner, pastor. Sally is in a direct house-to-house exchange. Barbara Kruse is living with her parents, while she is with Barbara's parents in Berlin.

The second ULCA exchange this year is Cynthia Wineman, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Wineman. Cynthia's home church is First Lutheran Church, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, the Rev. William F. Pfeifer, pastor. With Cynthia spending the year in Austria, her parents are

serving as father and mother to Ulf Jaiser of Germany.

The United Lutheran Church affiliated with the ICYE through its official youth organization, the Lutheran League of America. Information is available from the Lutheran League headquarters, 2900 Queen Lane, Philadelphia 29, Pa. All ULC applications are processed through the LLA.

Here is a fine project for various church groups. Sponsorship of guest student is a worthy cause toward world understanding (and even self-understanding!). Local ULCM units may write the LLA for information.

SOME 1957 PROJECTS

The 1957 statistical reports received in our New York office indicate that men's groups engaged themselves in a wide variety of service projects. We believe you might be interested in knowing about some of them.

1. Trinity, Grand Rapids, Mich., sponsored 8 children at synod camp for one week.

2. St. Matthew's, Westminster, Md., sponsored Scout Troop and Explorer Post.

3. St. Peter's, Hilltown, Pa., sent King's Men letter to members each month.

4. Reformation, Buffalo, N. Y., subscribed 100 per cent to LUTHERAN MEN.

5. Immanuel's, Lena, Ill., observed Men and Mission Sunday.

6. St. Matthew's, Omaha, Nebr., participated in Good Friday service.

7. First, Bridgeport, Conn., contributed to pastor's library.

8. Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y., contributed to blood bank.

9. First, Philipsburg, Pa., sponsored parish abroad.

10. St. John's, Zanesville, O., contributed \$100 to synod camp.

11. Redeemer, Kannapolis, N. C., contributed \$315 to Home Missions Loan Fund.

12. Messiah, Knoxville, Tenn., sponsored week-end retreat.

13. Immanuel, Centralia, Wash., provided transportation to camp for youth.

14. Emmanuel, Lincolnton, N. C., provided ushers for services.

15. Summer Memorial, Newberry, S. C., conducted King's Men crusade.

16. Holy Trinity, Lynchburg, Va., sponsored D. P. boy in children's home.

Honorary Life Membership

PHARES G. BEER

Honorary Life Memberships Since August 1

Below is a list of all the Honorary Life Memberships granted since August 1, given by synods:

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Georgia-Alabama

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Dr. Arthur J. Viehman

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Charles K. Bell, D.D.

Michigan

Don Whipple

New York and New England

Harold G. Clarke

North Carolina

Carl B. Funderburk

Ohio

Richard Stafford

Pacific

Ed. Carter

Pennsylvania Ministerium

Howard Hoch

Rev. Earl R. Kreidler

Rev. Donald G. Doll

Rev. Wilbur M. Laudenslager

George Anspach

Pittsburgh

Charles E. Goodman

Rocky Mountain

C. Leo Scheie

South Carolina

J. W. Ballentine

Rev. Paul E. Monroe

Horace J. McGee, Sr.

D. Baxter Shealy

There were 23 Honorary Life Memberships given in August and September as over against 22 in May, June and July.

We frequently wish we were omniscient, but we are not. We would be satisfied to have the power of memory of some of our television quiz guests who appear to be able to recall all that they have ever heard or read.

Recently we received a very fine letter from our esteemed friend, David H. Blomstrom, of Atlanta, Georgia, in which he reminded us of some of the facts of the life of William B. Ahlgren which we omitted in his In Memoriam biographical sketch in the August issue of LUTHERAN MEN. We may have known some of these facts, but because they were not furnished by his biographer we did not get them into the sketch. In addition to the facts given in the biographical sketch we would add this material.

William B. Ahlgren was a native of Big Rapids, Michigan. He came to Atlanta 38 years ago from Washington, as a regional junior deputy with the Civil Service Commission. He spent 15 years with the Civil Service Commission and the Federal Vocation Board. He was legal officer for four years with the Federal Land Bank in Columbia, South Carolina. At the time of his death he was Georgia's grant-in-aid auditor of the United States Department of Health,

Education and Welfare.

He was graduated from the Georgetown University Law School and also attended George Washington University Law School. He was a member of the Washington and Georgia Bar Associations.

He served as vice president of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church in America in 1927 and he was the first president of the Georgia-Alabama Synod Brotherhood from 1928 to 1930.

Above all the accomplishments by "Bill" Ahlgren, was his stature as a Christian, it was immense, to know

him was to love him. Twice during 1947 he was awarded Honorary Life Memberships.

We would ask all Honorary Life secretaries or directors or others who send in the obituaries and biographical sketches for the person given In Memoriams, to please, whenever possible, send us newspaper or magazine clippings, which are generally very satisfactory. All this material, with a glossy photograph, should be sent no later than June 1 to the author of this column at 708 St. John St., Allentown, Pa.

NORTH EAST WEST SOUTH

of Men and Their Activities

In September there was a flurry of men's synodical conventions all over the church. A number of the conventions elected NEW synodical presidents and another group re-elected their president for another term. **Pittsburgh** elected Lysle P. Shaffer of Beaver, Pa. **Min. of Penna.** elected Richard Snell of West Reading, Pa. **Illinois** elected Clifford Cavanagh of Chicago. **Central States** elected Marvin Bennett of Omaha. **Pacific** re-elected Carroll Dick of Kelso, Wn. **Indiana** re-elected Robert Umbaugh of South Bend. **Ohio** re-elected Don Scott of Mansfield.

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During October the Central Pennsylvania ULCM met at Lancaster, Pa. with Claude Greiner president, presiding, and with Dr. Wallace Fisher as the featured speaker. The Iowa ULCM met on October 19 at Nevada, Iowa. Executive secretary Logan was the speaker. Glenn Engle, president, was in charge of the convention. The West Virginia ULCM met at Jackson Mills, Nov. 1-2, with Vice President J. H. Oetgen as ULCM representative. North Carolina will

be meeting in Hickory on November 18.

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The Wisconsin State Brotherhood met at Baraboo late in September. Dr. A. A. Wild of Lake Geneva was in the chair. The convention adopted a revised constitution changing the

came to Wisconsin Churchmen of the United Lutheran Church in America. The men voted to seek affiliation with United Lutheran Church Men, the church-wide auxiliary. Robert Keown of Elkhorn was elected president.

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A special meeting of the men of the Icelandic Synod was held at Winnipeg, Manitoba, on Saturday, October 4. Executive Secretary Logan spoke to the men in the interests of United Lutheran Church Men. This synod has been interested in having its men become informed about United Lutheran Church Men for some time.

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ULCM of Minnesota were scheduled to meet in Minneapolis in early October to consider affiliation with United Lutheran Church Men. Donader of Mahtomedi is the president.

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Central States Mission Ten contributions have been called for by chairman William Suhr. The Missions Ten Fund provides a typewriter and mimeograph machine for each LEW mission, as well as fifty new pairs. Almost \$5000 has been raised through this effort.

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The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church reports contributions of \$8 million to world missions during 1957. Women's organizations of the Presbyterian Church contributed \$4.6 million the same period. ULCA women contributed more than \$1 million to their program.

The North Carolina Synod ULCM sponsored its 7th annual Boy Scout retreat at Lutheridge during August. This is a unique program and one worthy of wider usage in our church.

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New England Conference ULCM held their fall pilgrimage at Hartford on October 3, with Howard Logan as the speaker. New York Conference ULCM held their fall rally at Transfiguration Lutheran Church, October 28, with ULCM Synod President Earl Freese as speaker.

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Our ULCA men in Florida participated in the annual retreat for the Lutheran men of Florida at Camp Emanuel at Groveland. Al Kelley of Orlando is the ULCM president.

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The Eastern Conference ULCM of the New York and New England Synod held their retreat at Beards Hollow, N. Y. Henry Fischbeck was the chairman and Leland Hokerk is conference ULCM president.

Steak Dinner and Charter Presentation



A charter presentation to the United Lutheran Church Men of St. John's, Vandalia, Ohio, was the climax to a day of fellowship, sports, fishing and a steak dinner. The Rev.



The Charter Presentation

Left to right, Robert Ochs, Dr. William Price, Fred Wagenhals, William Traub, Pastor Robert Barkley and Dr. Amos Traver.

Robert Barkley is pastor of the church.

The guest speaker for the presentation was Dr. Amos J. Traver of Wittenberg College, Springfield, former editor of *Lutheran Men*.

The afternoon and evening affair was held on a Saturday in August on the farm of Bob Ochs, near Tipp City. The men were invited to bring fishing rods, reels and a hearty appetite. Sixty-five men responded.

The barbecue committee was headed by Fred Wagenhals, assisted by Howard Beal, Michael Lonkard, Robert Trissler, Bob Warnke, Frank Millett and John Gould. Art Bussard was activities chairman, assisted by Paul Lutz and Art Van Atta.

The executive staff of the men's group consists of William C. Traub, president; Russell Van Horn, vice president; Fred Wagenhals, vice president and program chairman; Floyd Metzger, director of attendance and membership; Robert Warnke, director of projects; Dr. William Price, director of evangelism; Carl

Scholz, director of stewardship; Eugene Phillips, director of Boy Scouts; John Gould, publicity chairman; Robert Middlestedter, treasurer; E. R. Bauman, secretary.

Pennsylvania Group Holds 38th Annual Convention

The 38th annual convention of the Brotherhood of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania was held Sept. 20 in Trinity Church, Havertown, the Rev. Frederick L. Fritsch, pastor.

The convention was opened by President Earle W. Bader, Bethlehem, former ULCA Brotherhood executive secretary. Participating in the proceedings were Dr. Charles M. Cooper, president of the synod; George R. Lewis, president of the host Brotherhood; Richard H. Snell, Reading, secretary of the national ULCM; Earl R. Henry, assistant to the stewardship secretary; the Rev. Maynard C. Hallock, pastor of Trinity Church, Pottsville.

The newly elected officers of the group are Richard Snell, president

Frank R. Kulp, Perkasio, vice president; William Gregory, Port Carbon, secretary; William R. Snell, Chester, treasurer.

Illinois Synod Convention

The 40th annual convention of the Illinois Synod ULCM was held recently in Luther Memorial Church, Springfield.

The meeting opened with 60 men in attendance. The devotions were led by the Rev. Roger K. Hansen, pastor of the host church. The business was presided over by President Dan Metzger, of Sterling. Greetings from the national ULCM were brought by E. A. "Cud" Anderson, Illinois representative of the ULCM executive board. Important business included the reading of the revised constitution, which is to be sent to the Illinois Synod executive board for approval. The by-laws of Sept. 10 were read and approved. A motion was made to pay the full apportionment to the national ULCM, if possible.

The banquet was attended by 77 men and their wives. The invocation was given by Pastor Harry C. Thiel of Decatur. A message was brought by Dr. A. Howard Weeg, D.D., president of the Illinois Synod. As the theme of the convention was "Boy Scouting," the guest speaker was Frank W. Braden, scout executive of Region 7. The benediction was given by Pastor Luther L. Seibert.

Honored guests were Felix Bungten, vice president of Augustana churchmen, Illinois District; Dr. Weeg; Mr. Anderson; Robert Fink,

local district Boy Scout representative; Stan Ashley, scoutmaster of Troop 24, Decatur.

The men of the Illinois ULCM thank Ed D. Ross, president of Central Conference; Wilbert Rehwald, president of Luther Memorial Brotherhood, host men's auxiliary.

The following newly elected officers for 1958-1959 were installed by Dr. Weeg: president, Cliffordavanaugh, Chicago; vice president, Eugene Gildermaster, Washington; secretary, Harold V. Boos, Chicago; treasurer, Jasper T. Berhenke, Lena; executive board and revolving loan fund trustee, Peter Larson, Rockford; and the following secretaries: stewardship, Robert Grohne, Decatur; evangelism, Clarence Studer, St. Louis, scouting, Charles Moen, Freeport; parish education, the Rev. Donald L. Krueger, Beardstown; publicity, Marvin B. Hildbold, Chicago.

Anybody with news for *Lutheran Men* or the *Gleaner* please forward to your scribe, Marvin B. Hildbold, 2534 Spaulding Ave., Chicago 47, Ill.

Pittsburgh Synod ULCM Convention

Lysle P. Shaffer, Beaver, was elected president of the United Lutheran Church Men of the Pittsburgh Synod at its 36th annual convention at Camp Lutherlyn in September.

Mr. Shaffer, formerly first vice president, succeeds J. Russell Barley, of Beaver, who was not eligible for re-election.

Also elected were Nevin Snyder, Gibsonia, first vice president; H.

Wesley Henry, Jeannette, second vice president; William Pfister, Erie, third vice president; Milford H. Van Clove, Pittsburgh, secretary; George E. Blankenbuehler, Monongahela, treasurer; Julian R. V. Johnson, Pittsburgh, statistical secretary, all for a one-year term; Paul Snyder, Brookville, and Leo Sapper, Erie, members-at-large on the executive committee, for a three-year term.

Dr. Albert E. Iverson, director of Protestant relationships, national council, BSA, was the principal speaker at the banquet. Stressing the importance of scouting in relation to the church, the speaker said, "It is a men's size job with a boys' size program."

The theme was "Scouting in the Lutheran Church" at a session conducted by H. Wesley Henry. Aubrey Mauney, Kings Mountain, N. C., first vice president and director of scouting of the national ULCM, was the main speaker.

A demonstration presentation of the Pro Deo et Patria Award was made by the Rev. E. Jerome Alexis, pastor of First English Church, Zelenople, exactly as it would be presented in his church a week later to Star Scout Roger Werner.

Other participants in the convention proceedings were the Rev. Lester M. Utz, Bellevue, who spoke on the King's Men program; the Rev. Richard E. Korber, Ellwood City, the chaplain; Dr. Edward K. Rogers, Greenville, secretary of evangelism and stewardship of the Pittsburgh Synod; Dr. Fredric B. Irwin, president of Thiel College.

A standing vote of thanks was

given to Mr. Barley for his outstanding service to the men's auxiliary in the Pittsburgh Synod.

—H. C. Simoleit

An Energetic Men's Group

Richard Snell, Reading, Pa., secretary of United Lutheran Church Men, ULCA, wrote:

"This morning (Sept. 7) George Rauch, president of the Reading Conference ULCM, and I attended a breakfast meeting of the men of the Longswamp Parish. (Scrambled eggs and bacon, bread, coffee, and buns) Forty-four men plus the cooks, all men, and we attended.

"It meant that I had to get up at 4:30 a.m. to get there on time, but believe me, I do not regret it at all. I have helped organize 17 of the 22 units affiliated with the ULCM in the Reading Conference in the past 10 years, but I have never had such a thrilling experience as I had this morning.

"These men are mainly farmers or plant workers, but they have a dynamic pastor, the Rev. Richard C. Wolf. He has been with them only a short time but has done wonders with them. I gathered from the talk this morning that they are preparing a long-range program: to separate from the Reformed congregation and build a new sanctuary and combine the two Lutheran congregations into one.

"To get a group of men to meet for breakfast once a month, four meetings outdoors and the rest in the social hall, was unheard of here before today, but that is the way they prefer it.

"I was given unlimited time to explain to them the program of ULCM. They were unanimously in favor of becoming affiliated with the ULCM. Before we left, from a free-will offering, they had enough money to take care of their appropriation for application for a charter, and they proceeded to appoint a nominating committee for the election of officers immediately."

German Jurist Visits U.S.

To Study Lutheran Lay Work

A layman who spent nine years as a Russian prisoner of war and is now a judge in a West German civil court arrived in the United States early in September to study lay work in Lutheran churches.

During his imprisonment from 1945 to 1953, he worked at hard labor on road building and construction projects. He managed throughout this period to conceal and keep track of a gold pocket watch which he carries now as a memento of the enslaved portion of his life.

This was at times rather difficult, he related, as the Russians were quite fond of jewelry and placed high priority on confiscating all such personal items. He was forced to part with the watch in the latter part of his confinement when it was discovered during a search.

"By this time," the judge continued, "a semblance of order had arrived in the prisoner system and I was given a receipt for my treasured piece."

"When I was released on the last day of December in 1953, I exchanged the receipt for my watch,

something I did not expect to do."

Dr. Hans-Georg Jeremias, 56, is the presiding judge at Celle, which is about thirty miles from Hannover. As chairman of the appeal bench for reparations, which is the highest appeals court for Lower Saxony, he hears cases which involve victims of the Hitler regime. In general the court grants restitution of property and compensation for damage to those who suffered through racial, political, or religious persecutions.

One of the leading laymen in the Church of Hannover, he is in America for a two-month period under the Church Workers' Exchange Program of the Lutheran World Federation. He will study in particular the participation of laymen in church programs and social welfare of Lutheran churches.

A highlight of his stay was the convention of the United Lutheran Church in America, held in Dayton, Ohio, October 8-15. His itinerary will take him to Washington, D. C., and the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

German Lutheran Appointed Consul General in New York

A German Lutheran layman who was prominent in church relief activities in his native land after World War II assumed a high diplomatic post in New York early in October.

Dr. Georg Federer, 53, was named West German Consul General in New York to succeed Dr. Adolph Reifferscheidt, newly-appointed as permanent representative of the Federal Republic of Germany at the

Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

For nearly five years, from 1945 to 1950, Dr. Federer was associated with Hilfswerk, the relief and welfare agency of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID), serving as secretary for ecumenical and international relations.

In this capacity, he visited the United States in 1949 and made a month's speaking tour through six states in behalf of Lutheran World Action, the annual financial appeal conducted by the National Lutheran Council for emergency activities at home and abroad.

Dr. Federer joined Hilfswerk at the request of Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, Lutheran pastor who organized the agency in 1945 and served as its director for six years. At the peak of its activity, it had more than 100,000 workers in East and West Germany.

Dr. Federer left Hilfswerk in 1950 to become secretary to the German

delegation at the Council of Europe and Dr. Gerstenmaier resigned the following year to give full-time to his duties as a member of the West German Parliament. He was elected president of the Bundestag or lower house in 1954.

Both men were members of Germany's first official delegation to the United Nations late in 1950. They were observers when the U. N. Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee considered the question of German prisoners of war in Russia.

Born in Stuttgart in 1905, Dr. Federer studied law at the universities of Munich, Geneva and Berlin. He received his doctor's degree from the University of Tübingen. After a year in a Stuttgart bank, he entered the diplomatic service, being stationed first in Riga, Latvia, and then in London. During most of the war he was in Bern, Switzerland.

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You have responsibility for the church of Christ here on earth. This responsibility you share with your pastor. It is not totally his nor totally yours. You have called him as your pastor—your spiritual leader. He is expected to perform certain actions and so are you. It is not *his* church, nor your church—it is *Christ's* church.

The church council is a team of congregational leaders acting for and on behalf of the fellowship of believers for the cause of Christ. It is not a dictatorship on the part of the pastor or council members. It is a democratic process in which all have voice and an interest. Yet, one must be the leader and in this cause we call him pastor. To him you look for the development of a congregational program which fulfills the universal ministry of Christ.

Membership in the church council is not just another job. If you think of it in these terms, it would be better had you never been elected. It is the most important responsibility you can perform in the church.

The church cannot afford *honorary* membership on the church council. Your time, talent, ideas and comments are needed and must be contributed freely. The church needs its most intelligent leadership in this high office.

Too often councilmen feel they have a responsibility *only* for the temporal affairs of the congregation. Caring for the property, paying salaries, providing needed services and equipment, assuring adequate insurance are all essential, but your responsibility does not end here. Councilmen have prime responsibility for giving a missionary zeal to their congregation. This will include a concern for the unchurched wherever they reside, in the community, nation and world.

As church council members, you give active support to the work of the church beyond the congregation. The appeals and demands of the synod and ULCA are *not* something arbitrarily imposed upon your people. As members of synods, your congregation is a party to the actions which have brought into being the appeals and demands. You, or your representatives, had a part in the making of these decisions. Your congregation is obligated to support these common goals. The synod is not something apart from you. Nor is the United Lutheran Church in America. The synods delegate authority to the ULCA. They assign portions of the work of Christ to the

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—OSLA DEVRESI

WHICH ARE YOU?

Are you an active Brother, the kind that would be missed,
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings, and mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part to help the work along,
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that "just belong?"
Do you ever go to visit a Brother who is sick?
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?
There's quite a program that I'm sure you've heard about,
And we'll appreciate if you, too, will come and help us out.
So come to the meetings often and help with hand and heart,
Don't be just a member, but take an active part.
Think this over, Brother. You know right from wrong.
Are you an active Brother, or do you just belong?

Topic

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fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation. And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingly power.' And he said to him, 'Truly I say to you, from now on you will be with me in Paradise.'
Narrator: We are told of the paragon who had dismissed his confirmation class but one girl lingered.
"May I ask a question, Pastor? It's awfully important."

"Surely you may," said the pastor, and invited her to sit down.
"Now, what's the question?"

Slowly the girl asked, "Pastor, are we saved by what we do or by what Christ has done?"

"That is a very important question," agreed the pastor. "Out of curiosity, may I inquire why you ask it?"

"It is hopeless, Pastor, if we are saved by ourselves," she said, "so they thumbed through scripture to find the answer. As they prayed together, a teen-aged girl learned to experience the truth that we are saved by God's love and grace, saved by what he has done."

(SECOND MAN smiles a farewell to Mary and returns to his seat in the audience. THIRD MAN rises and goes to manger. He looks at the child. Then he turns to Mary.)

Speech Quartet: When one looks at a child, Mary, one often wonders about the future of the child. What's he going to become?

rator: This is a question for which we still do not have the complete answer. Part of the answer still lies in the future. And part of the answer is in our hands. You have heard how Jesus died and rose again as the Saviour. For days he remained on earth, appearing to many as the resurrected One. Then one day he took his disciples to the Mount of Olives and, after blessing them, he was taken up into heaven. We read about it in Acts 1: "And while the disciples were gazing into heaven as he went, suddenly two men stood by them in white robes and said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken from you into heaven, will come back the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'"

Jesus himself tells of his coming in glory, with all the angels." Then, before him will be gathered all the nations for judgment.

Just before his ascension, Jesus gave this final command: "All authority has been given me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore and teach the disciples of all nations."

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Bob was in Sunday school the next week. The following Sunday, however, he was missing. The teacher investigated and was met with the same excuse, "I have no clothes." Dirty and torn were the clothes that had been given him. Bob was outfitted again and made his appearance in Sunday school. The same procedure was repeated the third time. By now, however, Bob had become so interested in Sunday school that he would not miss a Sunday. He now hungered for an education which would train him for church service.

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(THIRD MAN goes back to his place in the audience.)



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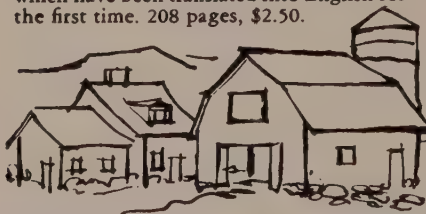
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Narrator: Soon we shall celebrate
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ting such a one as he? Perhaps
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He once said, "As you did it to
one of the least of these my breth-
ren, you did it to me."

(Light in manger goes off. Men
leave stage. Manger is removed.
House lights are turned on.)

(A hymn should follow. Suggestions
are "As with Gladness Men of God"
or "Brightest and Best of the Stars
of the Morning.")

For The Leader

It is suggested that you now divide
men into "buzz groups" to get ideas for
institute action to be taken by your group.
You might say something like this in getting
discussion period under way:

We have learned anew the meaning of
the birth of Christ. How can we translate
this into action which would please him and
be appropriate to his birth? We do not want
good intentions. We want action.

We will divide into three "buzz groups."
Group A will gather to the left under the
leadership of Mr. _____. You will discuss
"What can we do for the church this Christmas?"

Group B will gather in the center
under the leadership of Mr. _____. You will discuss
"What can we do for members or
non-members of our church this Christmas?"

Group C will meet to the right under the
leadership of Mr. _____. You will discuss
"What can we do for our world at Christmas?"

You will meet for 10 minutes. Each
group will then report briefly before the whole
group in the form of a proposition to be
decided upon by all of the men.

Suggestions

Group A—What can we do for our church
this Christmas? 1. Decorate interior of our church at Christmas.
Or the exterior. Or both.

2. Erect a lawn display in front of our church.

3. If the Christmas offering goes to the church itself, men may offer to assist in the publicity of this offering.

Group B—What can we do for individuals this Christmas?

1. Visit all shut-ins and sick with a card (flowers, books, cards).

2. Offer to pick up anyone who could not otherwise get to the Christmas services.

3. Fill and deliver baskets of food to the needy one in need. Also provide toys for the children of these families.

4. Hold a Christmas party for the needy, picking them up and returning them to their homes.

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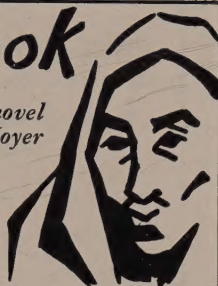
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Cooperation

LLM cooperates with all the boards and agencies of the ULCA—it carries specific programs with many of them (children's stewardship with Board of Parish Education, book collection plan with United Lutheran Publication House, youth stewardship with Luther League, etc.). LLM cooperates with synodical leaders, too. Generally, overall plans, programs

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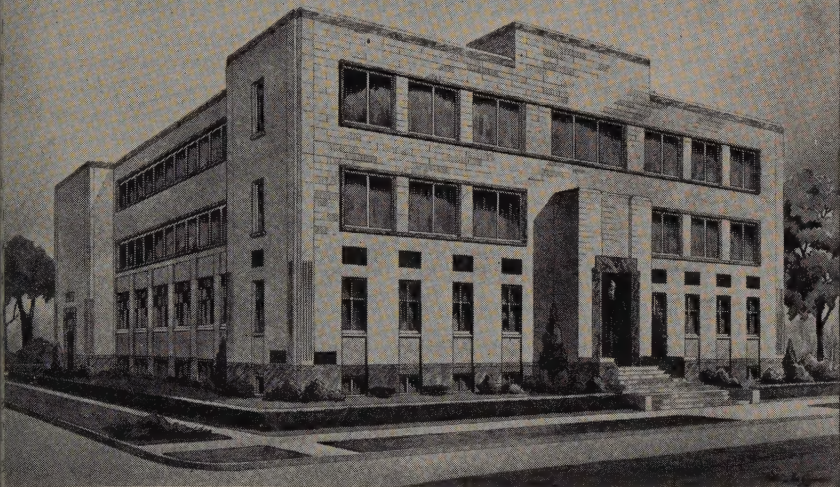
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